The By-laws

of the

Suomi Temperance Society

ASTORIA, OREGON
Finnish Lutheran Book Concern, 1926.

Name and Object

Chapter 1.

1 §. This society is independent and was organized in Astoria, State of Oregon the 19th day of February, in the year 1887, known at that time as the Valon Säde; was reorganized the 19th day of January 1894, and the name was changed to Suomi Temperance Society.

Chapter 2.

2 §. The object of this society is: to oppose the use of intoxicating beverages for nourishment or sensual purposes; to resist gambling, saloon-dances and all other functions of the liquor business; to promote the progress of its members by the aid of literature, speeches, songs and to assist the enforcement of prohibition by all possible means; to advance the education of the young people so that they would become morally and physically clean by promoting physical culture and getting them the necessary apparatus and competent instructors.

Chapter 3.

3 §. All persons of good reputation, except persons engaged in the liquor business, can become members of this society by the consent of the majority of the members. Children under 14

years of age may become members by the consent of their parents or guardians.

4 §. All members must publicly promise that as long as they are members of the society they will not drink or offer to anyone any intoxicating beverages, and that they will not gamble or take part in saloon-dances, and that they sign their names in the pledgebook of the society. Gambling consists of all kinds of card and other games of chance that are prohibited by state and city laws and ordinances.

5 § All the members of this society are forbidden to disclose to non-members the business or decions that the society forbids.

6 §. All men joining this society are required to pay a membership fee of one dollar ($1.00), ladies and boys under 12 years of age are not required to pay a membership fee. The dues for men are 50 cents for every three months and 30 cents every three months for ladies and boys under twelve years of age, unless the society decides otherwise. No dues are required for the month in which the member joins the society.

7 §. If a member is delinquent for three months in his dues or other payments due the society, he will be expelled from the society unless he gives a good reason for such delinquency. If it is possible he must be notified before he is expelled.

8 §. If any member who has neglected to comply to the provisions set forth in the preceding 7th paragraph wants to renew his membership in the society, he is required to pay a fine of 25 cents.

9 §. Members that have been in the society less than three months cannot be elected to any office in the society except temporarily.

10 § The society has the authority to debar anyone that is known to be against the principles of the society from appearing in any entertainment, celebration, or meeting of the society.

Chapter 4.

Violations.

11 §. A member that has violated his pledge to the society has lost all his membership rights.

12 §. If a member who has been expelled from the society on account of the preceding 11th paragraph wants to renew his membership, he must pay the society one dollar ($1.00).

13 § (a) If the violation happens a second time the offender is required to pay a fine of two dollars ($2.00).

(b) If the violation happens the third time, the offender is put on probation for at least one month. If after the time of probation he is taken into the society, he is required to pay only the regular membership fee.

(c) With a member that violates his pledge a fourth time, the society can

do as it sees best. If he is given the privilege of renewing his membership he has no right to vote during the first month without the consent of the society.

14 §. If a member of the society sees another member violating the rules, he is required to give the society either a written or a verbal notice of such violation.

15 §. If a member who has been accused of violating the rules of the society, after receiving notice of such accusation, does not come or send notice of his reason for not coming to the meeting to defend himself, he is to be expelled from the society.

16 §. Any member that injures the reputation of the society by improper behavior must be expelled from the society.

17 §. No member has a right to appeal to any civil court for the decisions of this society.

Chapter 5.

18 §. This society meets once a week at a time provided by a resolution of the society. In case of urgent business the directors may call the members to a special meeting. Notice of a special meeting must be in the local papers at least on the day of the meeting. If there are less than 10 members at a meeting, such a meeting cannot act on money matters exceeding the amount of $50.00. Open meetings and parties can be held as often as the society considers it necessary.

19 §. In the meetings of the society every member has a right to express his opinion on the questions that are before the meeting. Personal slander is to be avoided. Before a member can make a motion or address the meeting he should rise and obtain the floor from the chairman, and after the floor is yielded, he must not speak on other subjects except the one that is before the meeting.

20 §. Semi-annual meetings are the first meetings held in October and April. In these meetings the officers are elected and installed in office for a period of six months. The society can make changes to the above procedure when it so desires.

21 §. The consent of 3|4 of the members present must be obtained in all questions concerning the property of the society above the amount of $500.00, as in buying, selling, or in joining with another temperance society. The members must be notified at least 14 days previous to the meeting in which such matters are to be discussed. Such resolutions must be read in three consecutive meetings before they can be adopted.

22 §. Any person that can authenticate his membership to some temperance organization can attend the meetings of the Suomi Temperance Society, but cannot be given the privelege of voting.

23 §. The Annual Celebration of the society is held on the 19th of February

each year, unless the society decides otherwise.

Chapter 6.

Duties of officers.

24. The chairman presides at the meetings and authenticates by his signature all approved minutes of the meetings and also all approved receipts. In case of a tie vote the vote of the chairman is decisive.

25 §. The Vice Chairman presides at the meetings when the chairman is not present. If both the chairman and Vice Chairman are absent, the recording secretary calls the meeting to order and presides until a temporary chairman is elected for the meeting.

26 §. The recording Secretary keeps the minutes of the meetings, reads them and also such other announcements that are to come before the meeting. He also conducts the correspondence of the society and signs his name to the membership cards.

The assistant recording secretary takes the place of the recording secretary during his absence.

27 §. The financial secretary receives all the money and membership dues, paid to the society and gives them to the treasurer who gives a receipt for the same. He keeps the books of the society, keeps a record of the members, and reads in the first meeting of each month the names of the members that are delinquent in their dues over three months, and

when it is possible to do so he sends a notice to the members that are delinquent in their dues over two months. From all these notices the financial secretary must keep a copy and also from the notices sent to those that have been expelled from the society.

28 §. The duties of the treasurer are to take all the money received by the financial secretary, and give a receipt for same. He is also required to give a monthly report of all funds in his posession at the first meeting of each month. If the treasurer resigns he must give to his successor all the money and papers of the society and give a full report to the society and also give, if required, a $2,000.00 bond for the funds in his posession.

29 §. The duties of the attendant is to keep order in the meetings, take the pass word, read the votes and announce the names of those that wish to join the society.

The second attendant takes the place of the attendant during his absence

30 §. The doorkeepers duties are: to guard the door at the hall during meetings and parties that are kept behind closed doors, to take the password from the members, and to keep all non-members that have no special permit from entering the building.

The outside doorkeeper keeps order at the door when it is necessary.

31 §. The auditor's duties are: to audit the books of the society every

six months and give a report of the financial condition of the society to the semi-annual meeting.

32 §. The society council is composed of three members that are elected at the same time as the other officers, and their duties are to take care of all the personal and real estate of the society and keep them in condition, etc. They elect their own chairman who acts as the manager of the business of the society; rents the buildings of the society, collects the rent from the regular and temporary tenants, giving the money so received to the financial secretary at least once a month. The financial secretary gives a receipt for all the money he receives.

33 §. The directors of the society are the chairman, vice chairman, secretary, financial secretary and treasurer. The duty of the directors is to see that the principles of the society are not violated between meetings, to act on such things that must be acted upon before the meeting of the society, procure temperance speakers, etc.

34 §. If an officer is absent from the meeting the chairman can name someone to take his place if it is necessary. If an officer is absent from three meetings in succession without giving notice or reason of his absence, the society can elect an officer to take his place, if the majority favors such action.

Chapter 7.

Property and buildings.

35 §. The society has a right to use the property and buildings as the majority of the members decide, but care must be taken that the buildings will not be let to any immoral or vice purposes. If the members want to use the building, they must ask permission in the meeting.

Chapter 8.

The declining of the activity of the society and the management of the property under such conditions.

36 §. If the membership of the society for any reason should decrease below twenty (20) members, it is understood that the society has lost its significance, and all the property of the society is to be given to the custody of the Clatsop County Court who will take care of the property until such time that the membership rises above 20 members, when the Clatsop County Court being duly notified surrenders said property back to the society. The Clatsop County Court is to give the society a statement of the property for the time it has been under its control.

37 §. If the membership of the society should decrease below forty-five (45) members the remaining members have no right to change or renew these by-laws, but must keep them in force until the membership has increased above forty-five mem-

bers, then the society can act according to the rules set forth in these by-laws. This 8th chapter, paragraphs 36 and 37, must be kept unchanged forever. The Clatsop County Court shall take care that the group that has now reorganized the temperance society works in the interest of temperance and uses the property only for that purpose.

By-Laws

For use in the transaction of business.

1 §. Before any subject is open for debate, it is necessary that a motion is made by a member who has obtained the floor and that the motion is seconded, after which the chairman states the question to the meeting. An opinion or motion can also be presented in writing.

Taking of new members.

2 §. When a candidate is presented and supported the question of his admittance to the society is put to vote.

3 §. The candidate is accepted when he receives a majority vote.

Entertainment committee.

An entertainment committee of from 6 to 10 members is elected at each semi-annual meeting. They elect their own chairman. The duty of the entertainment committee is to provide the program for the entertainment and socials of the society.

Changing the by-laws.

Changes to the by-laws of this society can be made as follows: The proposed change must be in writing and must be signed by at least five members. After the proposed change

is read in three successive meetings, it can be approved in the third meeting if it gets the support of two thirds majority of the members. In this connection be it mentioned that chapter 8, paragraphs 36 and 37, are never to be changed or altered, and thus will be avoided the repetition of all annoying and expensive lawsuits.

Order of business.

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Taking of new members.
3. Reading the minutes of the previous meeting (and their approval).
4. The reading of bills sent to the society.
5. Announcements of violations of the rules.
6. Monthly report of the Treasurer.
7. Reports of Committees.
8. Election of Officers (in semi-annual meetings).
9. Installment of Officers.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Discussion of topics for the good of the society.
13. Report of Financial Secretary.
14. Election of the weekly Janitor.
15. The next meeting will be held — Adjournment of the meeting.

INTERIOR RULES.

Instructions for taking new members.

The chairman inquires if there are any new candidates present. The attendant takes their names and presents them to the chairman. The chairman then puts the candidates' election before the meeting. If a candidate is accepted, he is taken before the financial-secretary by the attendant. After the candidate has paid his membership fee, the chairman takes the pledge.

The chairman presides over the meetings as follows:

a) One tap on the table signifies the opening of the meeting, the ending, and that all are to be seated.

c) Two taps means that all arise.

The chairman should explain these rules to the candidates when they are taken into the society.

Certified by:

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